

## Firefighter

The firefighter is responsible for work performed in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, and protection of life and property through firefighting activities. The firefighter performs other duties in areas such as responding to emergency medical calls, hazardous materials incidents, rescues, searches, and other public safety or community functions. Duties may also include other support services under the close supervision of the fire department supervisors. The employee will operate firefighting, rescue, and medical equipment to include; nozzles, hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus, power saws, generators, hydraulic tools, and medical life support equipment. This person reports directly to the Lieutenant or Captain supervising the shift.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Drives fire truck and operates pump;
- Responds to fire alarms and performs required tasks;
- If required, forces entry of premises for firefighting, rescue and salvage operations;
- Removes persons from danger and administers first-aid to injured persons;
- Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of building;
- Performs salvage operations such as throwing covers, sweeping and removing debris;
- Carries charged hose line into structure for fire extinguishment;
- Participates in fire drills and attends training classes in firefighting and first-aid and related subjects
- Must be certified firefighter or become certified within twelve months;
- Must have First Responder certification or become certified within twelve months;
- Must have high school diploma or GED equivalent;
- Must possess a valid driver's license.

### Knowledge, Skills & Abilities

- Knowledge of fire prevention and state and city regulations as applies to fire fighting and prevention;
- Knowledge of laws regarding operations of emergency vehicles in route to scene;
- Knowledge of geographic area of the service area;
- Knowledge of proper use and maintenance of equipment;
- Ability to wear complete set of protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus for an extended period of time;
- Must meet and maintain compliance with City of Portland Respiratory Protection Program and 29CFR 1910 & 1926 Respiratory Protection Guidelines.
- Ability to drive at fast speeds consistent with safety, considering traffic, weather, road conditions;
- Ability to read, to understand, and to act upon printed information and follow verbal and written communications;
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and determine the proper course of action;
- Ability to operate a variety of firefighting equipment;
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees; and

### Employment Type

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### Duration of employment

Full Time

### Working Hours

Position would require working shifts as considered as 24 hours "ON" and 48 hours "OFF."

### Job Benefits

Full benefit package available including vacation, sick days, paid holidays; health, dental, vision, life/AD&D, TCRS retirement and supplemental voluntary benefits.

### Date posted

October 16, 2020

### Apply Online

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- Ability to physically and mentally function at different heights and in close quarters.

### **Education and/or Experience**

- Prefer current Firefighter I or Firefighter II certification
- First Responder Certification at the time of application

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT & PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

All firefighting and emergency operations must be performed during all kinds of adverse weather and physical conditions. The firefighter is exposed to extreme heat, smoke, hazardous chemicals, falling materials, blood, and other dangerous and life-threatening situations. The employee performs extremely strenuous and physical labor for extended periods of time under some unfavorable climate conditions, frequently lifting objects weighing up to 100 pounds; and performs duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, climbing and crawling in buildings or close quarters that may be filled with smoke.

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE](#) or an application may be obtained from the receptionist at Portland City Hall upon request Monday through Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm. A detailed job description is also available from the receptionist upon request.

**Completed applications must be submitted or returned to City Hall by: Until Filled**

Attn: Human Resources

100 South Russell Street

Portland, Tennessee 37148

Post-offer, Pre-employment background check, drug screen and physical required.

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